



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Governmental Officer Online Accessibility Act. Provides that every unit of local government and school district that maintains an electronic mail system and an Internet website shall: (1) provide an electronic mail address for the use of each of its elected officials, including board members, and appointed officers, to be used in the course of their official duties; and (2) provide a means for the public to transmit correspondence directly by electronic mail to each elected and appointed official, including board members, through its official website.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Governmental Officer Online Accessibility Act.

6 Section 5. Electronic mail addresses. Every unit of local
7 government and school district that maintains an electronic
8 mail system and an Internet website shall, within 90 days of
9 the effective date of this Act, do each of the following:

10 (1) Maintain and provide an electronic mail address for the
11 use of the following officials in the course of their official
12 duties:

13 (A) elected officials, including board members; and

14 (B) appointed officials to the governing board of a
15 unit of local government or school district, including
16 chief executive officers.

17 (2) Provide a means for the public to transmit
18 correspondence by electronic mail directly to each individual
19 described in paragraph (1) through its official website.

20 Section 10. Permissive uses. The electronic mail address
21 provided under this Act shall be used exclusively for
22 correspondence directly related to the official business of the

1 unit of local government or school district.